Dear Brethren

I again address you. And in view of the dark and degraded state of the heathen world let us unite in offering our heart felt gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we have been taught and led to embrace the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why was it dear brethren that we were not born dark children of the forest, or degraded idolators of distant India or Africa? Is it not owing to the sovereign and electing love of God? And why did that sovreign Grace make us partakers of the purchased salvation? was it that, without cost or labour, we might live in ease assured of heaven? If so the servant is exalted above his Master. If so how different our duties from those of the first disciples of our Lord. No brethren I am pursuaded such are not your convictions. But do not you, do not I need to ponder and pray over the blessed truth, 'we are bought with a price', until our souls kindle with an unwonted flame of love to God, and we feel the deep and lasting conviction (each for himself) I am not my own, therefore I must glorify God in body and in Spirit which are his. Yea brethren we are bought but, not here to sit down at ease, it is that we may glorify him who bought us with his blood. Let time talents, property, effort and influence be all consecrated to this great end. Glorify, yea publish and spread the knowledge of His greatness and glory and grace until a world of redeemed Sinners shall unite in the adoration of God our Redeemer. Pity and pray for and ask your Father that you may go to the destitute and perishing heathen to teach them his salvation. The Lord of Hosts appears to be saying to his people as He did to the Israelites go forward; and as he opened a way in the sea for them to pass, so He is opening the way to the nations. But how slowly his people move on. How little, how very little, our church is doing, to glorify the savior who bought her with his blood, and has richly blessed her in his providence and by his grace, compared with what she might accomplish. But I must forbear— I wish

to inform you of our progress this winter. Owing to sickness in Mr Bradley's (the teacher's) family and my own ill health we did not get our little Church up last fall as we expected. We have the timbers on the ground and as soon as Spring opens we expect to put it up.

There has been nothing of a special character yet we think the workings of Gods Spirit is becoming more and more manifest on the heart of some. The board furnished the station with a box of books last fall being translation made by the Rev. Peter Jones & his brother of Canada. We immediately opened a Sabbath School which has been attended by old and young. The Chief has been a regular attendant eversince it was opened. A good number are beginning to read the translations who would not have been able to attend school on week day. The Chief's two sons, boys about 8 & 10 both read fluently in the English and their own language. If they are spared and are savingly influenced by the truth they may be of great use to their own people. The cause of temperance is advancing. Several additional names have been put on the list and a stronger determination to persevere is manifest. Yesterday an elderly Chief whose village is some 8 or 10 miles distant stayed and attended meeting. He told me he had been thinking much about the evil effect of intemperance and concluded & doubted it would be best for him to join our people and put away liquor. He has been one of the hardest cases. How earnestly is it to be hoped that this destroyer of the indian race should be rooted out from among them.

We purpose celebrating the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in May when we expect to receive some of them to the sealing ordinances of the gospel. A number think they have sincerely given themselves to God and taken the

religeon of the Lord Jesus. It is necessary to act very cautiously. The heart is deceitful above all things. We hope there are some who have felt the renewing power of the Spirit of God. They are very scant of provision many are almost entirely or quite destitute and every thing has the appearance of the depth of winter - on the 24th the thermometer stood at 10° below zero and on the 26th 7° below.
A remarkable meteor passed over here in the night of the twenty thurd. It produced a brilliant light and noise like that of distant thunder.
We are all well. Remember me affectionately to the professors of the Seminary - and give my kind respects to Mrs Hamilton down town. Pray for us dear brethren that we may be the humble instruments of hastening the time when the world shall be filled with the knowledge and glory of God.

Yours in the bonds of Christ

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